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POSSIBLE SUBMARINE/SUBMERSIBLE LAUNCH ACTIVITY  
LENINGRAD SHIPYARD SUDOMEKH 196, USSR

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1. SIGNIFICANCE: POSSIBLE SUBMARINE/SUBMERSIBLE LAUNCH ACTIVITY IS IN PROGRESS. (SWN)
2. REMARKS: A PANEL TUNNEL SECTION HAS BEEN PLACED IN AN AUXILIARY REPAIR DOCK (YRD) WHICH IS PERPENDICULAR TO THE QUAY AT REPORTING POSITION 29 AT THE MAIN CONSTRUCTION/ASSEMBLY HALL. WHILE THIS MAY BE POSTLAUNCH ACTIVITY, CONFIRMATION CANNOT BE MADE DUE TO PROBABLE CANVAS OBSCURING BOTH ENDS OF THE YRD AS WELL AS AT LEAST ONE END OF THE PANEL TUNNEL. ONE LARGE FLOATING CRANE IS ON EITHER SIDE OF THE YRD. THIS ACTIVITY IS UNUSUAL IN THAT SUBMARINE OR SUBMERSIBLE LAUNCHES FROM THIS FACILITY ARE NORMALLY CARRIED OUT FROM INCLINED LAUNCH RAILS WITHOUT THE AID OF A LAUNCH DOCK. PANEL TUNNEL SECTION(S) IN THE YRD IS/ARE NORMALLY USED FOR CONCEALMENT OF NUCLEAR-POWERED ATTACK SUBMARINES (SSN) DURING LAUNCH AND PERIODS OF FITTING OUT FROM LENINGRAD SHIPYARD ADMIRALTY WHICH UTILIZED LEVEL WAYS. THE PANEL TUNNEL SECTION IN THE LAUNCH DOCK IS THE NEW TYPE WHICH WAS USED TO CONCEAL THE NEW, SMALL, PROBABLY NUCLEAR-POWERED SUBMARINE/RESEARCH SUBMERSIBLE (NOW DESIGNATED 196D) LAUNCHED IN NOVEMBER 1982. (SWN)

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AN ADDITIONAL PANEL TUNNEL SECTION HAS BEEN PLACED ON THE TRANSVERSER SERVING THE CONSTRUCTION HALL. THIS SECTION IS PART OF THE PANEL TUNNEL WHICH CONCEALED A PROBABLE V SSN WHILE IT WAS FITTING OUT AT ADMIRALTY SHIPYARD. (SWN)

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LENINGRAD SHIPYARD SUDOMEKH 196 HAS BEEN INVOLVED IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF ALFA SSN, EXPORT F ATTACK SUBMARINES, AND MILITARY AND CIVILIAN-ASSOCIATED SUBMERSIBLES. (SWN)

3. COORDINATES 59-55-43N 030-16-42E

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